



Patent Application

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In re application of: ) Examiner: Burgess, Barbara N.  
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 ) Group Art Unit: 2157  
For: Device Communication and Control in a )  
Home Network Connected to an External )  
Network )  
 ) Reply to Office Action  
Application No.: 09/633,289 ) Dated April 20, 2005  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 20, 2005**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**The Amendments to the Claims** is reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.